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## Church planter sees fruits of labor

By Tim Nicholas

"A democratic, autonomous Baptist church" is growing out of the fertile soil of Pearl River County. It's the Rolling Hills Baptist Chapel and it's being grown by a core group of about 30 with help from nearby churches, the association, the Home Mission Board, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Mississippi WMU, and the state mission offering.

The person responsible for making it happen is Dottie Williamson, a missionary with the title "church planter." Her work, coordinated through the Pearl River County Baptist Association, is simply to help begin and grow new churches. The description of the church as democratic and autonomous are her words.

The association, led by Ken Rhodes, director of missions, had identified the area where Rolling Hills is located as a place where a potential church could grow. Nine miles from the nearest Baptist church, it had an influx of unchurched people, plus a number of Baptists who were traveling long distances to other churches.

A survey was made, led by volunteer John Hill. And layman John Beavers donated six acres for a church site. Then Dottie Williamson was brought in. "A godsend," Beavers called her.

Miss Williamson organizes people, helps them stay motivated, and cheers them on. Her pattern over the last several church starts she has been involved with is to have area pastors lead services until the work is strong enough to call an interim or part time pastor of its own.

Last week Rolling Hills was scheduled to have on site a doublewide mobile chapel trailer purchased with state mission offering money. But it rained and the installation was delayed. Nearby Steep Hollow Church donated \$1,000 for a fence around the property, and men from three or four churches put the fence up. Gifts such as furniture are coming from other areas.

Folks involved believe that once the group begins meeting in the chapel, attendance will increase. There is no more room at the home of Betty Carney where they have been meeting

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At the site of Rolling Hills Baptist Chapel in Pearl River County, stand several of the people who are making the new mission go. From left are members John Beavers and Pat Spence; church planter Dottie Williamson, and director of missions Ken Rhodes.

in Sunday afternoons. Said Mrs. Carney, "I've lived here for 14 years and have hated living back in the woods. But I know now that God was going to need my home for this Bible study. There was no other place to go." She said her husband, Jimmy, hadn't been involved in church for several years, but now is on the building committee at Rolling Hills.

Pat Spence and her husband Ray are missions volunteers. They traveled to Mito, Japan, for the Mississippi partnership project last year, and they think of Rolling Hills as missions. "We realized there are souls up here that are lost," said Mrs. Spence. At the first meeting of the group, Mrs. Spence said she and her husband realized "this was where the Lord intended us to serve the next several years."

At Rolling Hills there is an attitude that there is plenty of work for

everyone and everyone seems willing to work. The first profession of faith was a girl brought to services by 17-year-old Jason Chatelain, who is serving on the building committee. "I'll do anything they want me to," he said. John Beavers volunteered that Chatelain has been a tither from his first job as a teenager.

Jason's parents, Karen and Don Chatelain, are also involved. Karen said the mission work is "one of the most exciting things that has happened in my life." She added that she had always wondered what it was like to be a missionary "and now I have my chance." Added husband Don, "You can begin with nothing and make something out of it. You are creating something."

No one involved has said no to helping out. Two women said all they could do was to cook. Dottie placed

them on the fellowship committee.

Outreach is an important part of growing any church, new or old. And the folks at Rolling Hills are taking outreach seriously. This past Saturday members took flyers to every home in the community. The purpose was to tell people of the new work and that everyone is welcome and that there is now room — now that they soon will have the doublewide trailer in which to worship.

The trailer means a number of changes will take place. Services will now be on Sunday mornings rather than Sunday afternoons. That means local pastors will not be able to lead Bible studies. Miss Williamson said the group would begin looking for a seminary student or retired pastor to serve as interim.

They are planning on 9 a.m. Sunday School and 10:30 worship. A regular

choir is in the offing and Sunday evening services will be at 5.

Dottie is having calling cards made up for members and they are encouraged to give out church bulletins to anyone.

Now there will be a place to meet that can accommodate more than before, Dottie believes growth is just ahead. Participants are giving to missions already. Weekly offerings are running \$1,000-\$1,200, with 10 percent to the Cooperative Program and five percent to the association. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions was \$308. The goal was \$150.

Though still fully involved at Rolling Hills, Dottie's role as church planter in Pearl River County continues. The association is looking for expansion into at least two other areas. In one of those areas, Dottie found four women in a trailer park who said they were open to a home Bible study. And a woman in another area of the county is willing to donate land for a church site.

Ken Rhodes said that with the population growth in the county, there is a need for new churches. "The established churches have simply not absorbed the new growth," said Rhodes. Whereas, he said "new work does grow well."

Rhodes said the established churches are supporting the new work. Several are giving money to a new work fund.

Rolling Hills follows two other new works in the past two years — New Galilee in Picayune is a black work that has outgrown its mobile chapel, and Hillcrest Road New Galilee began with seven in Bible study and now has 170 on roll. The association expects to help New Galilee build with volunteer labor.

In her eight years as a church planter the Galveston, Texas, native has helped begin a number of churches, pouring her life into each one. As she said at her alma mater Southeastern Seminary, on a recent campus visit, when the people are organized and understand about mission giving and now how to call a pastor, "then I move on."

## Professor notes churches helped crush Berlin Wall

By Pat Cole

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP) — Reaching East Germany just as the Berlin Wall began to fall, Southern Seminary professor Glen Stassen found a movement of persistent prayer, quiet study, and brave confrontation that helped shatter the barrier that divided Germany for more than two decades.

Few Westerners realize the crucial role East German churches played in helping to bring about democratic

reforms in the communist state, said Stassen, a professor of Christian ethics at the seminary here. He traveled to East Germany in November to address Baptist and ecumenical peacemaking gatherings and lecture at the Baptist seminary in Buckow.

In addition to providing the pro-reform activists a place to meet, the churches also played a significant role in helping the protestors articulate their demands and keeping the

demonstrations non-violent, Stassen said.

An ecumenical coalition of churches worked two years to produce a document that spelled out demands dealing with democracy, human rights, peacemaking, and environmental issues, said Stassen.

Protestors, many of them non-Christians, assembled in churches before attempting outdoor rallies. Churches urged that protests be kept

non-violent in a country where non-violent protest lacked a history, Stassen stressed.

New attitudes by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, the opening of the Hungarian border and the exodus of East German citizens also played a part in the German reforms. But Stassen pointed out the East German churches made preparation for the reforms not knowing when change would come.

Reformers had to "prepare in faith and hope" not knowing when a breakthrough might occur, he said. "You don't know when, but you do the deeds of Jesus now."

"It mattered a great deal to them that the two peacemaker groups" at his home church in Louisville "had a daily discipline to pray for East Germany," he noted.

Pat Cole writes for Southern Seminary.



# Editorials . . . by Don McGregor

## Lottery dies — for now

Please be assured, Mississippi Baptists, that the lottery issue is not over. Those who are interested in the initiation of gambling in our state or in any other know that their hope of eventual success is bright because those who oppose them are likely to grow weary of the struggle.

And in his State of the State address last week, Governor Mabus, who initiated the idea of a lottery in Mississippi as a fund-raising concept for education, said, "This issue is not over." The lottery issue died in the Senate by a vote of 26 to 25.

Though the intent is not so noble, the message is still the same as Douglas McArthur's concerning the Philippines: they will return.

Maybe not this year, but they will be back. They have been here every year for several. To let down the guard is to invite them in.

On page 3 are the pictures of 27 senators. The Jackson Clarion-Ledger, which supported the lottery, ran these pictures and asked readers to take a good look at them and remember those faces the next time those senators asked readers to vote for them. The Clarion-Ledger presentation was outrageous and not befitting a responsible newspaper; but, nevertheless, the Baptist Record is happy to run the same pictures and make the same request: Look at those pictures and remember those senators. Under intense pressure to do otherwise, those senators performed a heroic service for their state. They are the ones who voted against the lottery. We would suggest that you give serious consideration to voting for them the next time you are asked.

My senator is there. I asked her to vote against the lottery. It was not just because I asked her, because I am sure many others did also; but she voted against it. And while one paper has run her picture and made the remark that she doesn't think Mississippians are smart enough to vote, this paper is happy to run her picture and support her in her stand.

I don't know how many Baptists were in touch with their senators and representatives. It was not a Baptist issue. It was a moral and practical issue. One thing for sure is that Paul Jones, executive director of the Mississippi Baptist Christian Action Commission, was involved as much as he could be under the legal limitations that he has. We hope he had a lot of support from among the Baptists of the state — not because the Baptists have to run the state but because in this case the cause to be supported was the right one.

And when it returns we must be just as watchful and not grow weary of the struggle.

Several newspapers in the state came out in opposition to the lottery, and we applaud them for that. And we salute those senators who voted against the lottery bill and against the effort to reconsider it. And we applaud them for resisting the efforts of the Clarion-Ledger to intimidate them.

They were not to be intimidated. They served us well indeed.

Sen. Rob Smith of Richland was absent from the floor when the vote was taken. He notes that he was in the hall explaining to a constituent why he opposed the lottery. When the motion to reconsider the lottery came up, he voted against reconsideration. The Clarion-Ledger has called him a fence straddler.

The motion to reconsider failed by a vote of 27 to 22. Those opposing the lottery lost one vote in that. Sen. Glen DeWeese of Meridian, opposing the lottery, paired with Sen. Rick Lambert of Hattiesburg, favoring the

lottery. Then the lottery opponents picked up two votes in Sen. Smith, who had not voted, and in Sen. Kenneth Williams of Clarksdale, who had voted for it originally.

Voting for the original lottery motion were Anderson, Bilbo, Briggs, Crook, Dearing, Frankiewicz, Gollot, Hale, Hall, Harden, Harper, Huggins, Jordan, Lambert, Montgomery, Monty, Posey, Rayborn, Sledge, Stogner, Usey, Welch, J. White, Williams, and Woodfield. The same group voted for reconsideration with the exception of Lambert, who was paired with DeWeese, Williams, who switched, and Usey, who did not vote.

## A successful assembly

Mississippi Baptists' solemn assembly last week was an unqualified success. The estimates were that there were about 250 people present in the auditorium of Parkway Church in Jackson, but that is beside the point. It wouldn't have made any difference if only two or three had been there. The success was in that a group of Mississippi Baptists met to pray.

That is success anyway you look at it. Anytime people get in touch with the Lord, there is success. And the day was given over to prayer and testimony.

At one point Guy Henderson, Mississippi Baptists' evangelism director who was in charge, asked that a dozen or so people might come to the front to kneel in prayer. At least

150 went down to the rostrum.

During the course of the day, the assembly broke up into small groups for more personalized prayer. That always creates bonds of fellowship that can be felt no other way.

The assembly was successful also for what could come out of its existence. I was talking with a pastor during a lull following a small group prayer session. He said that he plans to initiate the same idea in his church. It is also known that at least one association has picked up on the concept.

As this spreads, there is no limit to the power of the Lord that will be available.

We cannot imagine what might be the result.

## Baptist beliefs . . . The office of elder

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"The elders, which are among you I exhort, who are also an elder . . . feed the flock of God . . ." — I Peter 5:1-2

My mail reveals a growing number of pastors seeking to lead their churches to elect a "Board of Elders" in addition to the deacons. What can such a "Board" do that cannot be done by the "deacons"?

But this involves a more serious matter. In the New Testament, "elder" is synonymous with "pastor" (Acts 20:17, 28; I Pet. 5:1-4). "Elder" is never synonymous with "deacon." In Acts 20:17 "elders" (plural) suggests a plurality of elders in one church. But this does not add up to a "Board of Elders." In light of the pastoral role of "elders," this could be something like a large church today having a pastor and several associate pastors. "Board of Elders" is Presbyterian practice and terminology! It is not

Baptistic! Neither is it in the New Testament!

Herschel Hobbs is pastor emeritus of First Church, Oklahoma City.

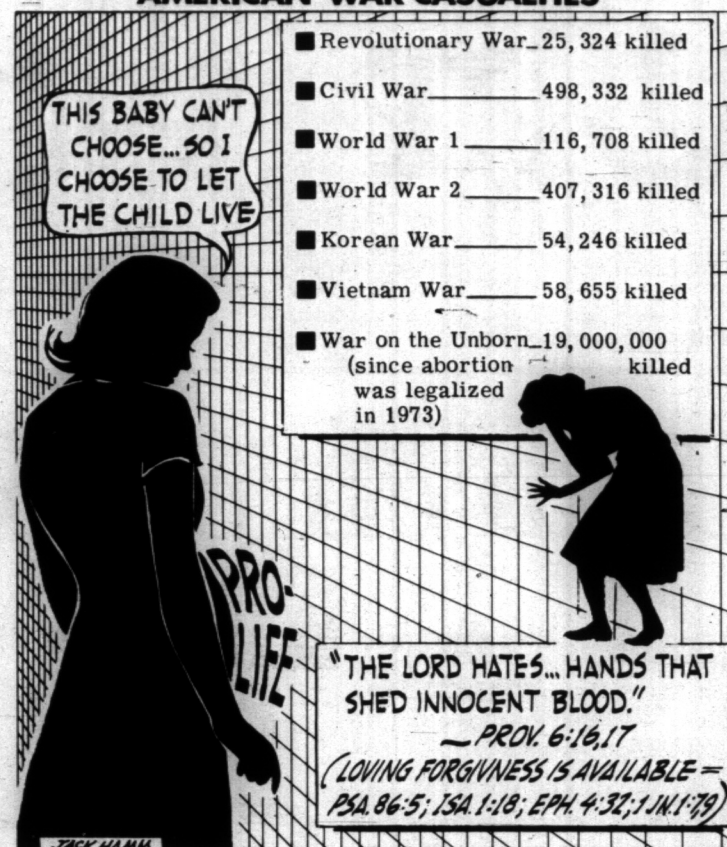
## High court limits adult businesses

WASHINGTON (BP) — The U.S. Supreme Court has struck down a Dallas ordinance that required all sexually oriented businesses to obtain operating licenses.

In an opinion issued Jan. 10, the high court held the city's licensing scheme to be unconstitutional because it failed to provide adequate procedural safeguards to protect against prior restraint of speech.

Six of the nine justices said the ordinance violated the First Amend-

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## Guest opinion . . .

## 'In the image of God'

Genesis 1:27  
By Richard Land

Few biblical phrases emphasize more strongly the holiness of human life and challenge more directly the practice of abortion in America than "in the image of God." Appearing in the first chapter of Genesis, it founds the origin of the doctrine of human nature, points Godward and manward, and speaks about a timeless truth.

The highest point of the divine drama of creation was the formation of human life. All of creation was good. But the creation of human life represented the crowning glory of God's creation: "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them" (Gen. 1:27). God then looked upon what had been done, saw that "it was very good," and rested (Gen. 1:31).

With the divine image stamped on human beings came a special blessing and an important assignment. Human beings were given the task of caring for God's garden. God said, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth" (Gen. 1:28, RSV).

Human beings are created "in the image of God." Although the Fall

mars the divine stamp in human beings, it fails to erase it. We still have bestowed upon us a unique dignity and have bequeathed to us dominion over creation.

How does the biblical phrase, "in the image of God," impact with the issue of the sanctity of human life?

First, "in the image of God" means that we are to reverence human life. We are to acknowledge that human life has sacred value because of God's action. The divine image was given, neither earned nor based upon human evaluations. As such, human life is a sacred gift to be treasured with the sense of awe.

Second, "in the image of God" means that we are to respect all human life. Stage of development, mental ability, skin pigmentation, and physical beauty should not determine how we see other human beings. We are to respect and protect all human life as sacred.

We protect human life when we seek to stop the killing of unborn children in their mother's womb. We preserve human life when we support local church ministries aimed at helping people make life-affirming rather than life-denying decisions about human preborn life. We prevent the taking of human life when we work to alleviate those economic and social forces which pressure some into aborting their babies.

We promote human life when we witness for Christian values related to human sexuality and marriage.

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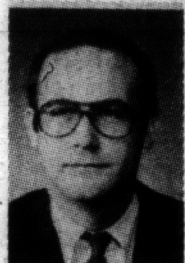
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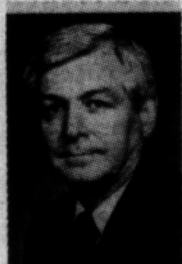
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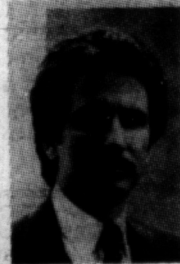
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## Preaching is focus of Evangelism Conference

By Tim Nicholas

The Mississippi Baptist Evangelism Conference opens Jan. 29 at Broadmoor Church, Jackson, with ensembles from the host church. Music from "Canticles" and "New Life" will be from 6:35 to 7 p.m.

Other music that session will be from Charles Bingham, minister of music at Port Gibson Church, and the Broadmoor Church choir. Graham Smith, director of the Church Music Department, MBCB, will lead the singing.

Speakers for that first session of the preaching conference will be Larry McSwain and Joel Gregory. McSwain, a professor at Southern Seminary, will preach on the topic "Hope in the Land of Giants," from Numbers 13:30-33. Gregory, pastor of Travis Ave. Church, Fort Worth, will speak on "Hope for God's Servants," from I Peter 1:3-9. Guy Henderson, director of the MBCB's Evangelism Department, which sponsors the event, will speak on "Evangelism in Mississippi."

The second session will begin at 8:45 Tuesday morning with music and prayer. At 9, the first speaker, McSwain, will preach on "The Methods of God's Hope," from I Cor. 9:16b-23. Gregory will speak on "Hope for the Church," from Eph. 1:15-23 and Howard Ramsey of the Home Mission Board's Evangelism Section, will speak on "God's People Sharing the Hope," from I Peter 1:13-16. Joe Anderson of First Church, Boyle, will give a testimony.

Musicians for that session include Jerry Morgan, minister of music at Lakeshore Church, Jackson, who will sing and lead congregational singing, and Lisa Leavell of First Church, Jackson, who will sing.

The Tuesday afternoon session begins at 1:30 with "One Voice," a music-drama group put together by

the Church Music Department. Jerry Talley, minister of music at Oak Forest Church, Jackson, will lead congregational singing.

Speakers include Roy Fish, professor at Southwestern Seminary, Gary Bowlin, vocational evangelist from Brandon, and Ramsey. Fish will speak on "How Lost are the Lost?" from Eph. 2:1-13. Bowlin's topic will be "Wilt Thou Revive Thy People?" and Ramsey will speak on "Locating and Cultivating Prospects."

Tuesday evening, the program begins at 6:45 with music by the Mississippi Singing Churchmen. Kenny Adams, minister of music at First Church, Bruce, will lead congregational singing. And the Churchmen will have a concert during the session.

Speakers that evening include

Leonard Sanderson, an evangelist from Pineville, La., and Fred Wolfe, pastor of Cottage Hill Church, Mobile. Sanderson will speak on "Is Your Church Ready for Revival?" and Wolfe will speak on "The Privilege of Witnessing," from II Cor. 5:20-21.

The next morning, the session starts at 8:45 with keyboard music by Dot Pray and Irene Martin who are the keyboard musicians for the entire program. Ann Colbert of Forest, will sing. And Fish, Bill Causey, and Wolfe, will speak. Fish will speak on "The Seeking Father," from Luke 15:11-24. Causey, executive director-treasurer of the MBCB, will speak on "My Dream for Mississippi Baptists." And Wolfe will close the conference with the topic "Christ Coming: Our Ultimate Hope," from Titus 2:11-14.

## Women to hold separate conference on prayer

A women's conference on prayer and witnessing will take place during the Evangelism Conference in Jackson.

The conference, which is open to all women interested in prayer, will be 1:45-3:45 on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 30, at Broadmoor Church, Jackson.

Featured leaders will be Nan Sugg, missionary to Taiwan; and Rebecca Williams, pastor's wife from Gautier.

Topics to be discussed during the session include prayer that works, effective witnessing, developing a prayer ministry in the church, and lifestyle evangelism in a modern world.

A nursery will be provided.



Sugg

Williams

## Teleconference featuring home missions to air Feb. 4

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The seventh annual Home Missions Teleconference will air Feb. 4 at 3 p.m. (CST) on ACTS Network and Baptist Telecommunication Network (Spacenet 1, Channel 21).

Featured live in the hour-long teleconference will be home missionaries Ken and Barbara Chadwick and Debbie Scott. The Chadwicks coordinate associational work in Salt Lake City, Utah; and Scott works with students in Puerto Rico.

Video features of missionaries working in church starting, resort ministries, evangelism, and catalytic missions will also be included.

Missionaries and national missions leaders will be available to answer questions from viewers who call in during the teleconference.

Jay Durham of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta, Ga., and Alanna Davis, New York City-based talk show host and actress, will host the afternoon program.

Larry Lewis, president of the Home Mission Board; James Smith, president of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission; and Dellanna O'Brien, executive director of Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, will also participate in the interviews.

A new 30-minute leadership feature will be aired only on BTN beginning at 4 p.m. (CST). During this half hour, viewers will be introduced to a wide range of ideas and available materials for promoting the 1990 Season of Home Missions — including the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, the Home Mission Study, the Home Missions Teleconference, and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

Video-taped copies of the teleconference can be ordered in advance from the Home Mission Board Customer Service Center by calling 1 (800) 634-2462.



# Bills in the Legislature

## House

H-1013 — Prohibit government involvement in abortions. Hillman Frazier, Jackson. Appropriations and Public Health Committees.

H-1014 — Prohibit use of public funds for abortions. Roy Dabbs, Meridian. Appropriations and Public Health Committees.

H-1033 — Constables enforce implied consent law. Bennett Malone, Carthage. Judiciary A Committee.

H-1038 — Clarify and revise pornography laws. Ken Stribling, Jackson. Judiciary B Committee.

H-1045 — Prohibit use of public facility for abortions. Roy Dabbs, Meridian. Public Health Committee.

H-1057 — Liquor stores may sell soft drinks, mixers, snack foods, and party goods. Scott Ross, West Point. Ways and Means Committee.

The following bills H-1171 through 1184, all have been assigned to the Select Committee on Drug Abuse:

H-1171 — Drug abuse resistance Education Act of 1990. Rick Fortenberry, Meridian.

H-1172 — Authorize Bureau of Narcotics to issue investigative demands to produce records for investigation. J. P. Compretta, Bay St. Louis.

H-1173 — Require reporting of drug overdoses by physicians or persons in charge of hospital or health care facility. Compretta.

H-1174 — Person convicted of controlled substance violation shall have all licenses suspended. David Hallbrook, Belzoni.

H-1175 — Sheriff to employ additional deputy to enforce drugs and controlled substances laws. Cecil McCrory, Brandon.

H-1176 — Drug offenders required to perform community service. Hallbrook and Ted Foster, Pontotoc.

H-1178 — Revise fines and establish assessment for drug violations. Daniel Guice, Ocean Springs.

H-1179 — No suspended sentence nor parole for adults who sell drugs to minors. Mike Gunn, Jackson.

H-1181 — Record of conviction of small amount of marijuana shall be public. Glenn Endris, Biloxi.

H-1182 — No parole for persons convicted of certain controlled

substances offenses. Fortenberry.

H-1183 — Drug offense resulting in unlawful homicide to constitute capital murder. Charles Weissinger, Rolling Fork; and McCrory.

H-1184 — Provide immunity to teachers for reporting student drug use. Fortenberry.

H-1189 — Department of Environmental Quality develop non-hazardous solid waste management plan. Bruce Hanson, Columbus. Select Committee on Economic Development.

H-1332 — Increase penalties for persons convicted of selling drugs to minors. Credell Calhoun, Jackson. Select Committee on Drug Abuse.

H-1333 — Must serve entire sentence for felony drug violations. Calhoun. Select Committee on Drug Abuse.

H-1391 — Delete authority for blood test to be taken from dead auto accidents victims. Steve Holland, Plantersville. Judiciary A Committee.

H-1448 — Require informed consent of woman before abortion is performed. Diane Peranich, Pass Christian. Public Health Committee.

H-1465 — Regulate abortion clinics. Bruce Hanson. Public Health Committee.

H-1468 — License abortion facilities. Peranich. Public Health Committee.

H-1489 — Provide regulation of and modify definition of cruise vessel. Ed Ryan, Biloxi. Ways and Means Committee.

H-1500 — Provide for state lottery. Charles Capps, Cleveland. Ways and Means Committee.

H-1501 — Create the Mississippi Gaming Control Act. Glenn Endris, Biloxi. Ways and Means Committee.

H-1502 — Amendments to laws governing operation of cruise vessels. James Simpson, Long Beach. Ways and Means Committee.

HCR-103 — Amend constitution; bingo and raffles not to violate prohibition on lotteries. Jerry Wilkerson, Daleville. Constitution Committee.

HCR-105 — Amend constitution; bingo shall not be unlawful. Dewayne Thomas, Jackson. Constitution Committee.

HCR-107 — Amend constitution; bingo shall not be unlawful. Bill Jones, Petal. Constitution Committee.

## Senate

S-2707 — Revise the definition of obscene materials and performances. Cy Rosenblatt, Jackson. Judiciary Committee.

S-2721 — Unlawful to transmit HIV virus. Barbara Blanton, Brandon; and Richard White, Terry. Judiciary Committee.

S-2724 — Prohibit display of obscene material on motor vehicles. Blanton and White. Judiciary Committee.

S-2742 — Authorize greyhound racing. Ollie Mohamed, Belzoni; Nevin Sledge, Cleveland. Finance Committee.

S-2744 — Clarify cruise vessel operation. Thomas Gollott, Biloxi. Finance Committee.

S-2760 — Impose surtax on the income tax to be expended exclusively for education. Cy Rosenblatt, Jackson. Finance Committee.

S-2783 — Alcohol Boating Safety Act. Blanton and White. Wildlife and Judiciary Committees.

S-2784 — Health care providers may perform HIV tests without consent under certain circumstances. Blanton and White. Public Health and Judiciary Committees.

S-2810 — Require operators of motor vehicles involved in certain accidents to submit to blood tests. John Keeton, Grenada. Judiciary Committee.

S-2828 — Authorize constables to administer breath tests under implied consent law. W. L. Rayborn, Brookhaven. Judiciary Committee.

S-2831 — Require comprehensive programs regarding the HIV virus. Blanton and White. Public Health Committee.

S-2837 — Gambling boats on Mississippi River. Robert Dearing, Natchez. Finance Committee.

SCR-584 — Suspend rules for introduction; revise obscenity laws — broadcasting. Wootsie Tate, Picayune. Rules Committee.

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## Seminary gets grant

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP) — Southern Baptist Theological Seminary has received a \$24,400 grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc. to expand and strengthen its ongoing program of trustee development.

The school here was one of 40 North American seminaries selected for the \$791,000 grant program by the Indianapolis-based charitable foundation, which has a longstanding interest in American religious institutions and non-profit leadership. It was the only Southern Baptist seminary to be selected as a winner of the grant program.

The seminary will use a major portion of the grant to help fund a trustee retreat in 1990 that will be focused exclusively on trustee development. Trustees will hear reports on the history of Southern Seminary, the seminary's institutional plan and demographic factors impacting seminary admissions.

## Texans opens national prayerline

DALLAS (BP) — Callers throughout the United States can receive and leave prayer requests on a new two-way intercessory telephone line sponsored by the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

By dialing the nationwide toll-free number, (800) 288-PRAY, callers can hear a two-minute prayer request concerning some aspect of Mission Texas, the long-range emphasis on reaching people, developing believers, strengthening missions and ministering to people.

Each recorded message will provide the name and address of someone involved in a specific Mission Texas ministry so that callers may write and let him or her know about prayer support.

Messages will be changed daily. The prayer line will not duplicate prayer lines of the Southern Baptist Home and Foreign mission boards.

Following the recorded message, callers will have an opportunity to record an individual prayer request. All requests will be prayed for by intercessory prayer partners at the Texas Baptist Building in Dallas. The prayer room there will be staffed constantly by volunteers during regular business hours.

The toll-free prayer line will be operational seven days a week, 24 hours a day. It is made possible by the Cooperative Program unified budget plan for missions support.

## Commission makes concession

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (EP) — In a small concession to Christians who believe the biblical account of creation, the California Board of Education adopted new textbook guidelines Nov. 9 which omit the claim that the theory of evolution is a "scientific fact."

The new version, approved unanimously by the board, deletes this statement which appeared in the draft: "There is no scientific dispute that evolution has occurred and continues to occur; this is why evolution

is regarded as a scientific fact." The new version of the guidelines also deletes a paragraph describing a 1987 Supreme Court ruling which rejected a Louisiana law requiring the teaching of creation along with evolution.

Bill Honig, head of the California Department of Education, said the compromise had been politically necessary, but insisted, "It is very clear in the document that evolution will be taught and creationism will not." The guidelines still give evolution a central place in public school science teaching.

## Court ruling hangs up five phone sex lines

NEW YORK, N.Y. (EP) — Five "dial-a-porn" services in metropolitan New York were disconnected in mid-November after a federal court ruled that the telephone company can prohibit sexually-oriented conversations in certain instances without violating free speech rights.

The ruling allows the phone company to stop service to phone sex services offering live conversation, but does not affect recording messages. The five companies involved announced plans to switch to recordings.

## Hospital becomes smoke-free

MEMPHIS — As of Jan. 1, Baptist Memorial Hospital became smoke-free.

As a result of a committee's findings, the hospital's long-standing, clean air policy was revised in July 1988. Temporary designated smoking areas were established, and smoking cessation clinics were provided at no cost to employees. The 18-month period during which designated smoking areas could be used, allowed time to adjust to the ultimate goal of a smoke-free environment.

## Guru wants to build in Oklahoma

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. (EP) — Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, former guru to the Beatles and founder of transcendental meditation, wants to build a "City of Immortals" somewhere in Oklahoma. The Indian guru's representatives met with developers to discuss plans for a low-density housing project which would be "noise-free, pollution-free and free from crime and anxiety." The homes planned by Yogi's Maharishi Heaven on Earth Development Company would range from \$60,000 to several hundred thousand dollars in price.

## Playboy files suit

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (EP) — Playboy and Penthouse magazines have joined Waldenbooks in filing extortion and racketeering charges against the Florida chapter of the American Family Association. The lawsuit charges that the organization "maliciously persisted" in attempts to "coerce plaintiffs... and others from purchasing, selling, or distributing magazines denominated sexually explicit by them." The lawsuit was brought under the Racketeer Influence and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO).

## Larry Cox to lead youth at missions conference

"Just for the Love of Him" will be the theme of the annual Youth Missions Conference for youth (grades 7-12), youth leaders, and interested college students, April 13-14 at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly.

Larry Cox, a former missionary to Burkina Faso and the Ivory Coast, now assistant to the president of Mississippi

College, and John Yates, music evangelist and ventriloquist, will be the special guests.

The times are Fri., 1 p.m. (registration 1-3 p.m.) through Sat., 3 p.m. Reservations should be made by mail only, postmarked beginning Feb. 1, on a first come, first served basis. Send registration and cost of \$28 to Youth Missions Conference, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Henderson Point, Pass Christian, MS 39571.

The program is sponsored by the Brotherhood Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and Woman's Missionary Union.

## Drummond back on the job

Lewis A. Drummond, president of Southern Seminary, is back on the job after recent cancer surgery.

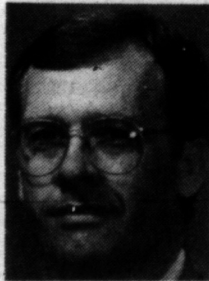
December 7, Drummond underwent what his family describes as "extensive colon cancer surgery" at Duke University Medical Center.

Drummond began dictating work

and answering correspondence even before leaving the hospital. Doctors had him up and walking in the halls two days after the surgery. He was released in time to be home for the Christmas holidays, after being hospitalized for only nine days.



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Supachai Wiratsombat, president of the Thailand Baptist Churches Association (convention), gives words of greetings to those attending the nationwide Thailand Baptist Churches rally in Bangkok, Thailand. The poster display in background says "Baptists Clasp Hands to Fulfill the Vision for 2000." (Photo by Bob Stewart)

## Thailand Baptists hold first nationwide rally

By Maxine Stewart

The Thailand Baptist Churches Association (convention) held its first nationwide rally, Dec. 1-3 on the campus of the Thailand Baptist Theological Seminary in Bangkok. As each rally speaker stressed various aspects of the theme "Baptists Clasp Hands to Fulfill the Vision for 2000," the 350 participants (from almost every Baptist church in Thailand) were challenged to give maximum participation in prayer, witnessing, harvesting, and follow-up in order to achieve the recent adopted goals of 9,000 Baptists in 300 churches (compared to just over 2,000 members in 34 churches at the present time). The participants also received practical instructions in 17 different topics (eg. witnessing, follow-up, leadership training, personal devotional life) during daytime seminars.

Boonkrong Pitakanon, former convention president and retired pastor,

gave the opening address, stressing the increased heart-hunger and responsiveness of the Thai people. He also announced his commitment to personal involvement in evangelism and church planting in his home province of Utharadit and in other provinces in northern Thailand where Baptists have no work.

The convention president, Supachai Wiratsombat (administrator of the Bangkok Baptist Hospital and vice-mayor of Bangkok city, Chacheungsao Province) gave the message of welcome.

At the close of the final night rally service more than 100 adults and young people stepped forward to dedicate (or rededicate) themselves to bold living and witnessing for Christ in the coming decade.

Stewart is missionary press representative, Thailand.

## Curriculum getting more evangelistic

NASHVILLE (BP) — Writers have begun work on improved Sunday School curriculum that leaders of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board hope will boost evangelistic and ministry efforts and lead to more creative Bible study.

In writers' conferences for various age groups and curriculum lines, writers received guidelines for the improved Sunday School curriculum to be introduced in the churches in October 1991.

Board President Lloyd Elder challenged writers for adult materials in the Convention Uniform and Bible Book series to become part of a grand enterprise for reaching people.

"When you think about the life of Southern Baptists, there is a heart-ache that we are not doing a better job of reaching people and growing," Elder said.

Increased evangelism focus and application of Bible materials comprise one of the four major features of the curriculum improvements.

Other features of the improvements are an increased emphasis on the Bible, improved ease of use, and more attractive presentation.

## Criswell wants to pick successor at FBC, Dallas

By Ken Camp

DALLAS (BP) — Setting an Easter deadline, Pastor W.A. Criswell instructed the co-pastor search committee at First Baptist Church of Dallas to work with him in following the biblical example of men of God who chose their own successors.

Criswell cited biblical instances such as Jacob giving his birthright to Joseph and his blessing to Judah; Moses appointing Joshua; Samuel anointing David; Elijah passing his mantle to Elisha; Peter choosing Mark; and Paul commissioning Timothy. Throughout Scripture, men of God selected their own successors, he emphasized.

"There is no exception to that in the Word of God. From the beginning of it in Genesis to the consummation of it in Revelation, there is no exception to it. These men of God chose their successors," Criswell said.

"And my word to the search committee is this: Listen to the word of the Lord. Follow the example of these men of God."

Criswell first announced in January 1986 that he was praying for a young preacher to "come serve alongside" him and ultimately succeed him as pastor of the largest church in the

ATLANTA (BP) — Speaking from the pulpit of Dunwoody Baptist Church in suburban Atlanta Jan. 14, former Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union Executive Director Carolyn Weatherford Crumpler announced she is willing to be nominated as first vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Crumpler also publicly endorsed Daniel Vestal, pastor of Dunwoody Church, as a candidate for president of the 14.8-million-member convention.

Vestal, who announced plans in September to seek the presidency of the nation's largest Protestant denomination, said he asked Crumpler to work with him as SBC vice president to bring healing and reconciliation to the convention.

Crumpler, who for 15 years directed the Woman's Missionary Union national organization, said she was entering the political arena of the SBC because of deep concern about erosion of emphasis on missions in the convention.

The convention's political controversy has blurred and weakened the true function and mission of the denomination, and has weakened the organizational structure of the denomination and the local church, she added.

She also is concerned because a "takeover" group now in control of the denomination has silenced, or at least muzzled, executive leaders of the denomination and "our flagship, the Baptist Press," she said.

In an interview, Crumpler said she never felt "muzzled" by the WMU Executive Board, but she avoided involvement in denominational politics because she did not want to hurt the WMU organization. Now, as the wife of a pastor, she feels "total freedom" and support of her church to speak out

and become involved.

At the SBC annual meeting in Las Vegas, Nev., last year, two months before her marriage, she was nominated as first vice president, but defeated by about 2,700 votes. Junior Hill of Hartselle, Ala., was elected to the post with 6,989 votes compared to her 4,207 votes.

At the same convention, Vestal was defeated for the presidency by a vote of 10,754 to 8,248 when Jerry Vines of

Jacksonville, Fla., was re-elected to a second term.

Vestal, in an interview, said he had asked her to run for first vice president not to try to get the vote of women in the SBC, but because she is a servant-leader who epitomizes Southern Baptists' commitment to missions.

Jim Newton writes for the Atlanta BP bureau.

## BMC to host conference on churches under 150 in SS

Blue Mountain College will host a Small Church Leadership Training Conference, Feb. 10, with the theme "A Big Conference for Small Churches," (150 or less enrolled in Sunday School).

"All conferences are designed for the small church leader. His or her special situation will be carefully considered in the content of the conference," said Chester Vaughn, program director, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

David Michel, director, Stewardship and Cooperative Program Promotion, MBCB, will speak on excuses churches use for not giving.

In addition to group worship with preaching and singing, there will be leadership training conferences for the following leaders: pastors, deacon

chairmen, Sunday School directors, adult Sunday School workers, youth Sunday School workers, children's Sunday School workers, preschool Sunday School workers, discipleship training directors, adult discipleship training leaders, youth discipleship training leaders, children's discipleship training leaders, preschool discipleship training leaders, all WMU leaders, Baptist men's leaders, RA leaders, volunteer music directors, church pianists, church organists, and preschool and children's music leaders.

The program begins at 9:30 a.m. and concludes at 3:15 p.m.

To register, contact the local associational office by Feb. 5 so that complimentary lunch can be prepared accordingly.

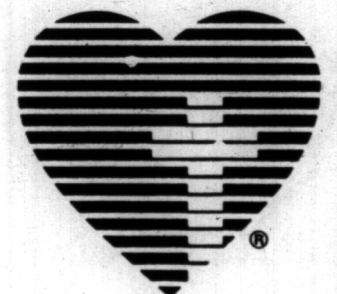
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## Correction

The telephone number of Charles and Patricia Corey, Guatemala missionaries on furlough at 595 Cedar Hills, Holly Springs, is no longer the one listed in the Jan. 18 Baptist Record, but is now 252-3308.



# CHILDREN'S PAGE

## Did you hear it on the grapevine?

By Lucille W. Bailey

One of the most popular commercials today is the one with the California raisins singing the catchy tune, "I Heard It Through the Grapevine." Now we all know that a raisin is a sundried grape. At one time, it was a very expensive food eaten only by the wealthy. Today raisins are used in puddings, cakes, pies, bread, and cookies.

The Bible mentions that an Israelite brought cheese and raisins to King David to pay taxes. Raisins are mentioned in other scripture; in the time of Nero, raisins were always on the menu of the wealthy.

The growing, drying, and selling of raisins was an important trade in Armenia as early as 400 B.C. California residents began growing raisins when a priest planted them to help feed the Indians. Good soil and a good climate are needed for growing raisins. However, the thing most need-

ed is the sun. California has a harvest of 800,000,000 pounds of raisins every year. These raisins are dried in the sun from 10 to 15 days. I think that we will all agree that without the sun there would be no raisins.

There are four main varieties of raisins: (1) Thompson seedless from Turkey, (2) Muscat brought by Spanish missionaries, (3) Sultana used in bakeries, and (4) the Corinthians.

Without the SON there would be no Christians. We don't have to hear about the plan of salvation or about the love that the SON has for us on "the grapevine." We have God's Word to tell us about the Ten Commandments, the miracles that Christ (the SON) performed, and a lot of other things we need to know are in the 66 books of the Bible. It takes three or four

years to produce raisins, from the time the vine is planted to the actual production. We can become productive much more quickly than this by depending on what the SON tells us to do in his Word.

Raisins are helpful. They contain ten mineral food values, fat, carbohydrates, ash, and Vitamins A, G, and B-1. We too can be helpful if we become the useful persons the SON wants us to become.

The reason the California raisins have a song is to advertise their product. We, too, have a song that we can sing to advertise our SON. Right now I want us to sing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

Without the sun there would be no raisins —

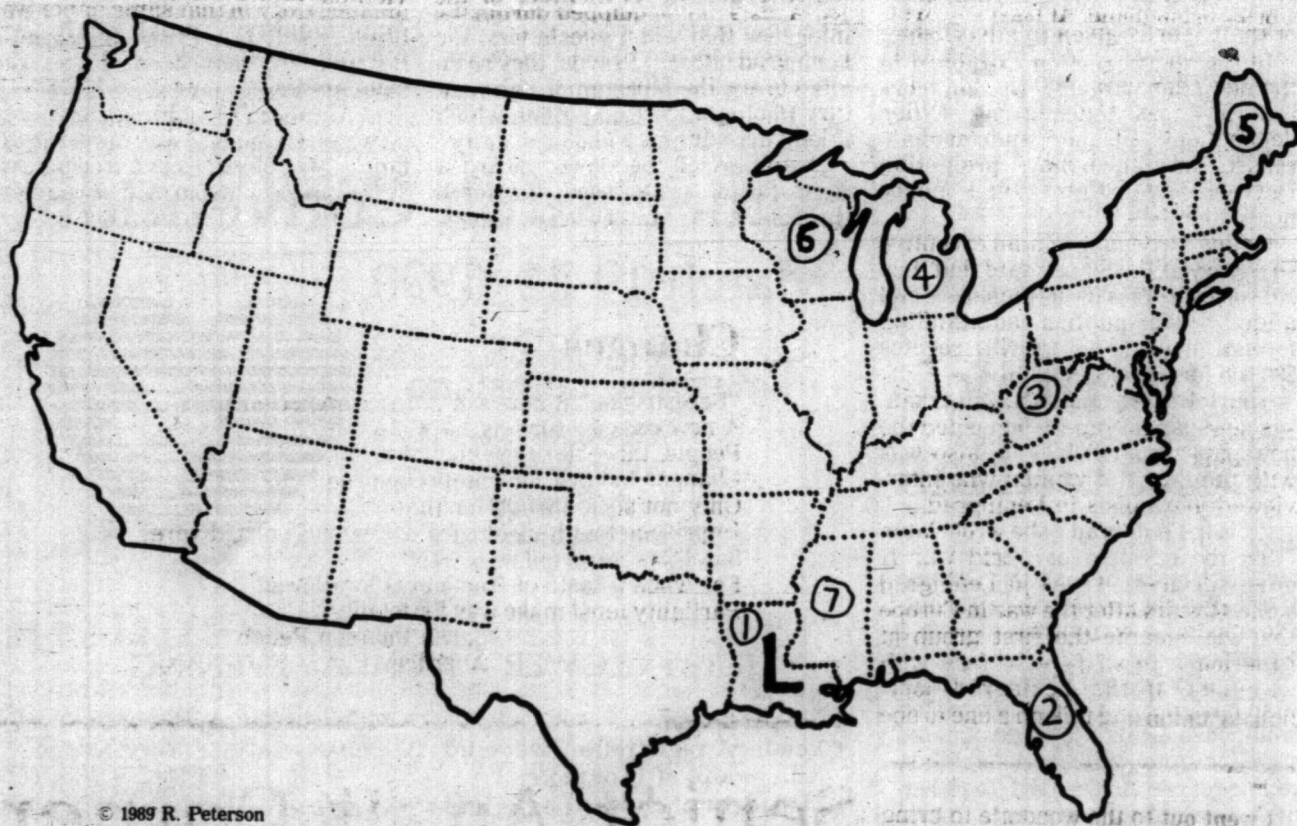
Without the SON there would be no Christians —

Mrs. Bailey lives in State Line.

## GEOGRAFUN:

### Nations and Imaginations

By Ralph C. Peterson



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It's fun to use your imagination. Look at the above map of the United States. Can you name the numbered states on this map?

Can you imagine that these seven states (or parts of the borders of these states) look like the first letters of their names? (You may have to turn some of them sideways or upside down.)

For example, state No. 1 is Louisiana. (The shape of the state of Louisiana looks like the letter "L.")

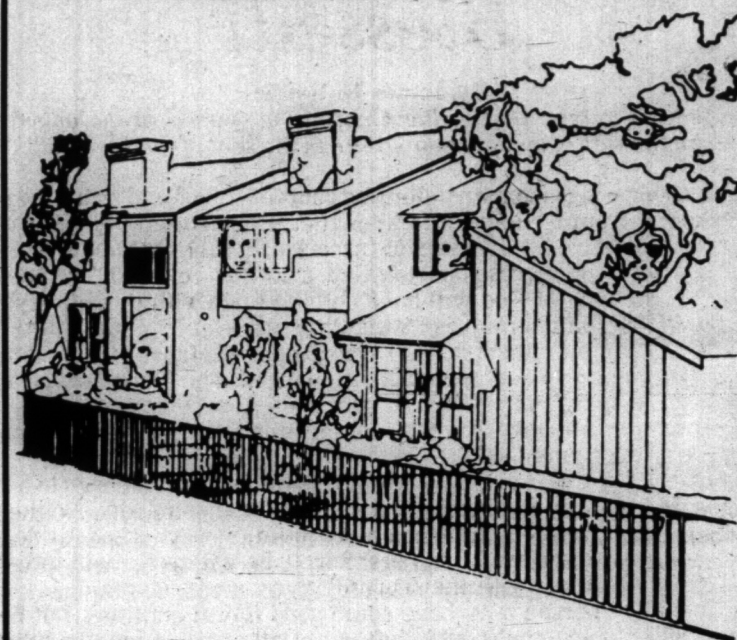
Answers:

1. Florida. Can you make the letter "F" out of this state? (Hint: turn map sideways.)
2. W. t Virginia. Can you make a "W" (and a "V") out of this state?
4. Michigan. Can you make an "M" out of one of its borders?
5. Maine. Can you make an "M" out of its northern boundary?
6. Wisconsin. Can you make a "W" out of its southern boundary?
7. Mississippi. By turning the map upside down, can you make an "M" out of its southern boundary?

Answers are given on 9.

There might be other states like this. Can you find any? (How about Colorado, Utah, Texas, California, Oregon, Vermont, and Virginia?) Can you locate these four states? Can you find any other state like this?

## HOW MANY FACES CAN YOU FIND?



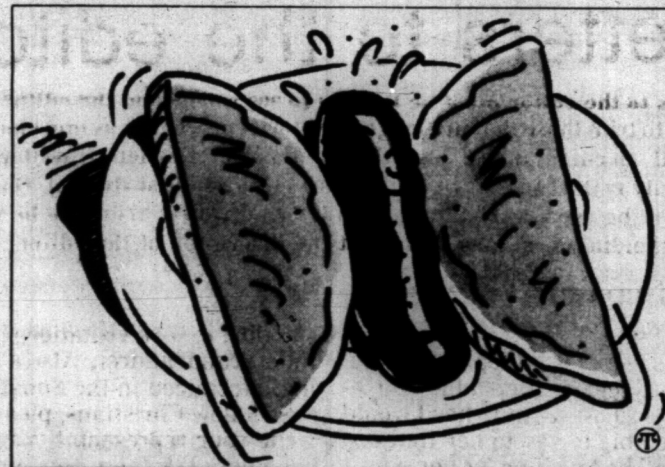
If you saw 18 faces, your score is perfect.

## What's Shakin' For Breakfast? Easy Pancake Fun For Kids

Weekend mornings are known for family breakfasts, cartoons and fun. So why not let your little chefs in on some creative kitchen fun? Just combine a favorite breakfast item—pancakes or waffles—with a little imagination.

New Shake 'n Pour from Bisquick gives little chefs a quick and easy way to enjoy fresh, delicious pancakes and waffles. All they have to do is add water, shake and pour. It's really that easy.

Because you can pour the batter directly from the convenient plastic bottle, it's easy to make creative pancakes. Following are some simple and fun pancake recipes for kids.



**SMILE PANCAKES:** Prepare batter as directed on Shake 'n Pour bottle. In separate container, combine 1/4 cup of the batter with 1 tsp. maple syrup. Drizzle maple-flavored batter from teaspoon onto griddle to form eyes and mouth. Cook until brown (do not turn). Pour scant 1/4 cup batter over face; cook until bubbles appear. Turn; cook until golden brown.

Or try this recipe from the Bisquick home economist which uses the basic pancake shape, but with a twist.

**BUTTERFLY PANCAKES:** Prepare pancakes as directed on Shake 'n Pour bottle. To serve, cut each pancake in half. Place curved sides together to resemble a butterfly; place one cooked sausage link in center for body.

And if you're looking for more variety, remember that Shake 'n Pour comes in four delicious flavors: Buttermilk, Original and Blueberry pancake mixes plus Original Waffle mix.

Your kids will not only enjoy creating their pancakes, they'll gobble them up!

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## Pen Pal Club

Anyone, ages 6 through 12, who wishes to meet a Pen Pal through the Baptist Record may do that by sending name, address, age, and name of church. Names will be listed monthly on the Children's Page.



## Blessed!

By James L. Harrell

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful" (Psalm 1:1).

Countless blessings from an unlimited source with no end await the person who seeks life from God and who lives that life according to his word.

In Psalm 1:1, there are two sets of three words each that show regression — regression from God, a downward trend. The one blessed of God will have nothing to do with this life style. The first group is "walketh," "standeth," and "sitteth." The movement is from a casual acquaintance to more familiarity to active participation in sin. The second set is "ungodly," "sinner," and "scornful." Here the regression is from leaving God out to committing known wrongs to openly defying God.

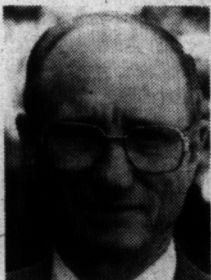
The person who belongs to God does not even in a casual way (walketh) seek counsel of the ungodly. Neither does he spend time in a more intimate way (standeth) learning the ways of sinners. Surely he will never join forces (sitteth) with the scornful.

The "ungodly" person may have some good moral qualities, but he does not take God into account. God is left out of all areas of his life. "Sinners" not only are ungodly, but deliberately and intentionally engage in things that are wrong. They have passed, knowingly, the point of leaving God out of their lives and have established a pattern of doing evil. The "scornful" not only are ungodly, not only live an evil life, but repudiate God and everything godly. They refuse to acknowledge God, his word, his people, his church, or anything or anyone that is a reminder of God.

The one who knows God loves the word of God and is excited about reading it day and night. The scriptures become the pattern of life for such a person. The person who knows God places his life in God's hands to be used for the purpose and in the place of God's choosing — "like a tree planted."

The concluding words of the first Psalm are: "but the way of the ungodly shall perish." No greater motive for evangelism and worldwide missions can be found. When the person of God responds to the extent of his abilities and with the proper motive, then unnumbered blessings from an unending source are his forever.

James L. Harrell is church building consultant, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.



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## Letters to the editor

Letters to the editor must be limited to 300 words and the editor reserves the right to trim those that are longer. Editorial prerogatives must be reserved under all circumstances, and the opinions of the letter writers do not necessarily reflect the views of the staff of the Baptist Record. Only signed letters will be used, but the writer may request that his name be withheld. The withholding of names will be at the discretion of the editor.

### Grandparents' rights

Editor:

To Mississippi grandparents — Today is my daughter Stephanie's birthday. She is 20. As a gift to her I would like to be able to say to her that our family will be together for her party, but that isn't possible right now.

As a Southern Baptist Christian and a mother and grandmother, I feel compelled to write to the Baptist Record as a means to let other Christian grandparents know that they are not alone, if they aren't permitted to see their grandchildren. For many reasons, children aren't allowed to see grandparents: in some cases these children have lived in the homes of their grandparents; a bond of love and trust was developed between them and other family members. (I wonder if Satan has a hand in these disruptions and family breakups.) In some cases in Mississippi, grandparents have had their child murdered, and their grandchildren snatched away from them in just a matter of days, losing not only a precious child, but their grandchildren as well.

A physical death is not the case in our family situation, but we are not allowed to see our two precious granddaughters, who live about a block from our home, and they have lost two grandparents who love them dearly. Also they have been lost to great-grandmothers and several aunts, uncles, and cousins. But there is something that we can do.

Two bills are being introduced during this legislative session. House bill No. 832, authored by Rep. Cecil McCrory of Rankin County, and others, is to give grandparents a legal

standing to seek visitation rights with their grandchildren. Also a bill is being introduced in the Senate.

So fellow Christians, please call or write your representatives and your senators. Ask them to support/pass these bills that will mean so much to our little children.

You can call your senator or representative at the Capitol (phone 359-3770) or write a letter. The mailing address is c/o Capitol, P. O. Box 1018, Jackson, MS 39215-1018. I know that we can count on our Christian communities to support such an important issue.

Iva Rigby

Baptist Women director  
Rankin County Association

### Thanks from Okinawa

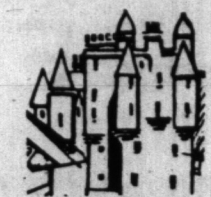
Editor:

Thanks for the marvelous professional job of covering the life of Mississippi Baptists on a weekly basis. As a native Mississippi Baptist, it's great and spiritually refreshing to be able to stay in touch. As an Air Force Chaplain in Okinawa, Japan, I find it difficult to stay in touch with what's happening in our national and state convention. However, your ministry solves this by touching my life on a weekly basis. I really enjoy looking in my mailbox and seeing the Baptist Record.

Again I would like to personally thank you and your staff for the faithful service you give.

Jerry Pitts

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## Faces and places

by Anne Washburn McWilliams



## Moscow paper quotes A. Lincoln

"If you believe Soviet media you can believe almost anything!" joked an official in Finland's Ministry of Culture.

Tass leaders in Moscow declared, "We tell it like it is." On the other hand, Sergei Belov, deputy editor of the Black Sea Spa newspaper in Sochi, said that official information "is sometimes lies and sometimes not." Belov told American press women who visited his office, "You know we don't have private ownership in the country — it is the party. They are responsible for everything published here and they determine policy." Though there is a much freer press since glasnost, he said, changes are just now beginning really to be felt.

This editor said that the Black Sea Spa paper operates in the black, with 500,000 rubles profit each year. The staff of 68 inches 27 "creative" people, with four women among the "creative." Their work week averages 42 hours.

The four page, five-day-a-week newspaper is still produced by letterpress. The editor admitted, "I am sorry, but our technology is very old." Their newsroom has a teletype such as was used by the Baptist Record about 30 years ago. Some individual offices for newswriters included typewriters — manual ones. However, some reporters were writing their stories in longhand. At least a quarter of the paper is given to advertising.

In the sports section (attached to the news department), the big news was a chess tournament. Other departments of the paper include resort, foreign policy, promotion (advertising), Communist party news, and arts.

Galina Mityagia, woman executive secretary at this paper, said that they subscribe to Tass for foreign news and added, "We publish outstanding foreign news as we (Sochi) receive 220,000 foreigners annually."

Charlotte Schexnayder, an Arkansas newspaper editor who visited the newspaper plant in Sochi, also was with the group of women who interviewed journalists in Leningrad.

"It is in Leningrad," she wrote later, "that the memory of World War II often surfaces. It was in Leningrad some 44 years after the war in Europe that we became the first group of Americans to sit face to face with members of the Leningrad journalists' union and talk on a one to one



basis." Oliva Belykova, director of the Northwest Region of News Press Agency, told the Americans, "So far there is no special law on press, no special law providing rights of journalists, but in the process of restructuring, perestroika, this needs to be specified." She said that the average journalistic wage is 220 to 250 rubles a month.

Marli Murphy, a Missouri journalist, reported, "A member of the journalists' union quipped during the interview that when guests visit the Leningrad office of Pravda, they're invited to see the Museum of 19th Century Photography Equipment, which is kept in their office and used daily."

Examples of the move toward a freer Soviet press were scattered throughout The Moscow News releas-

ed Oct. 8, the day before 40 of us American press women arrived in Moscow. That issue featured a story about the professor who helped develop the Soviet atom bomb in the 1940s, a project long enfolded in secrecy. That issue also carried a picture of a mushroom cloud from the explosion Aug. 29, 1949 — published for the first time. On another page was a story and photos of 30,000 Chernobyl victims protesting in Minsk. Still another story in that same paper was titled, "Will the Press Be Legally Recognized?" and ended with a quote from Abraham Lincoln! — "US President Abraham Lincoln was once asked which he thought was more important — 'free elections or a free press?' 'A free press,' Lincoln said. 'Free elections cannot be held without it.'"

### Changes

"Perestroika," a new word, a new experience,  
A new day; no turning back;  
People, three decades behind a cold wall;  
Changes too fast for comprehension,  
Only not soon enough for those  
Imprisoned with ideologies, gates and barbed wire;  
Satellites must follow or fall,  
For when a taste of freedom is swallowed,  
Partiality must make way for totality.

—Sarah Pearson Peugh  
Aberdeen

## Senior Adult Corner

Senior Adult Day will be observed in many churches in Mississippi on May 6. Suggested plans for such are outlined in the Annual Family Ministry Plan Book, and pastors should receive soon a suggested outline from the Family Ministry Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. For further information, contact Senior Adult Ministry, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

Senior Adults of Prentiss Church are actively involved in their church and community. Named the AAAs (Active, Alive, Adults), their ministries include homebound Bible

study, jail ministry, nursing home Bible study, telephone assurance program, low income apartment ministry, Vial of Life, Health Aid Bank, transportation ministry, tape ministry, and Life Line.

They have monthly covered dish luncheons with programs of special interest to older adults. The AAA Choir, under direction of Tom Mercier minister of music, has weekly rehearsals and occasionally sings in the worship services.

In addition to these activities, the AAAs have recently adopted a two-mile stretch of highway to keep litter free. Tom Myers is the senior adult coordinator.



## Just for the Record



**Arbor Grove Church, Houston**, held a GA recognition service, using the theme, "Love Around The World." Each girl was dressed in costume representing a country that GAs had studied about.

Front row, left to right: Tara Bray, India; Dixie Williams, Nigeria; Mendi Young, Mexico; Jennifer Whitt, Spain; Kayla Holloway, Oklahoma (Indians); Lacy Woods, Brazil.

Back row, left to right: Dana Whitt, Philippines; Kristy Holloway, Washington, (behind hat); Tiffany Whitt, Japan; GA leader, Martha Whitt; WMU director, Jackie Verell.

Following the service, the girls entertained the church with a reception, featuring food from all of these countries.



**West End Church, Louisville**, broke ground Nov. 13, 1989, for an education building. Participants in the ceremony, pictured, were front row, from left, Perry Robertson, contractor; Wayne Hill, pastor; and back row, left to right, Wayne Clarke, Leroy Vowell, Purvis Keene, Betty Crowson, Mary Vowell, and Berry Johnson.

**Lowrey Memorial Church, Blue Mountain's** Lottie Moon Christmas Offering was \$5557.19. This amount exceeded the church goal of \$5,000. Mrs. May H. Buchanan is WMU president. Matt Buckles is pastor.

**Victory Temple Church, Greenville**, in Washington Association, will celebrate its second anniversary with a special service Feb. 18 at 3:30 p.m. Joe Ponds of Largo, Fla., will be the guest speaker. Eddie Charles Jones Sr. is the pastor.

**Information on Mississippi Baptist Medical Center's** educational programs and resources offered to the public may be obtained by calling their new "Helpline" at 353-MBMC, Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The "Helpline" provides information on more than 75 different educational programs and services offered by MBMC.

**McDonald and Good Hope**, churches in Leake County, held a joint New Year's eve service. McDonald Church was host. Those attending ate a traditional blackeyed peas and cornbread supper, and took part in fellowship and singing. As the last moments of 1989 slipped away, the people joined hands and prayerfully entered the new year. Greg Latham is pastor of McDonald; Odell Tebo is pastor of Good Hope.

**Ingomar Church, New Albany**, recently had a GA recognition service. Pictured are, first row, l to r: Jenny Weeden, Cristie Williams, Linda Gray, Krystal Prawl, Joni Allen. Second row: Cheree Gregory, Jana Roberts, Brandie Sneed. Third row: Dixie Davis, Jennifer McDonald, Jennifer Fitzgerald. Fourth row: GA leaders — Sandra Smith, Cecelia McDonald, Kathy Williams. The WMU director is Jean Speck, and the pastor is Carl M. White.



## L. C. Brown, retired pastor, dies in Forest

Funeral services for L. C. Brown Sr., 88, were at 11 a.m., Dec. 2, from Liberty Church, Forest. Ed Wright and Bill Stroud officiated. Interment was made in the Liberty Baptist Church Cemetery.

Brown died Nov. 30, 1989, at the S. E. Lackey Hospital in Forest, following a lengthy illness. He returned to Forest three years ago following his retirement as pastor of the Brookway Baptist Church in Brookhaven. Brown had served as pastor of Liberty, Salem, Sebastopol, in Scott County; New Zion in Leake County; and Bethel, Brandon. He had pastored Bethany at Prentiss; South Way at Brookhaven; Damascus in Franklin County, and churches in Louisiana. He had also served as chaplain of Columbia Training School in Columbia.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Sallie Brown of Forest; two daughters, Sallie Elizabeth Brown of Forest; and Mrs. Catherine Pipkin of Knoxville, Tenn.; one sister; and a number of grandchildren and great-children. Brown was preceded in death by his son, John J. Mackey.

## Recovery center for addiction problems opens

**MEMPHIS** — The Baptist Recovery Center, a treatment center for people with drug and alcohol problems, opened on Jan. 15.

The center is located in the Baptist Memorial Hospital Medical Center at 899 Madison Avenue, Memphis.

The center's program manager is Wayne Hyatt, and the director is Christine Kasser, who has specialized in internal medicine and is a certified addiction medicine specialist.

It will offer both outpatient and inpatient services. Treatment on an outpatient basis will include either intensive day treatment or intensive evening treatment. Offering both day and evening treatment will allow many patients to function outside the hospital environment while receiving rehabilitative care.

Inpatient treatment includes Acute Care Detoxification and Acute Care Stabilization.

The Center will also offer a family program, a smoking cessation program, and community support services.

## Staff changes

**First Church, Amory**, has called Ron Kirkland, Liberty native, as pastor. Kirkland was formerly pastor of First Church, Batesville. Also he has served as dean of students at Clarke College. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and has a doctor of theology degree from New Orleans Seminary.



Kirkland

He is chairman of the Education Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.



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of McComb.

**State Boulevard Church, Meridian**, has called T. R. Darsey as minister of music and youth. He began work there on Jan. 15, having moved there with his family from First Church, Butler, Ala. Darsey is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary.

**Danny Watkins** is now the Baptist staff chaplain at the University of Alabama Hospital in Birmingham. Watkins' last pastorate was Shady Grove, Hazlehurst. His appointment came following a year of clinical pastoral education at Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center in Baton Rouge, La.

**Holly Bluff Church, Yazoo Association**, has called Davie S. Guess as pastor. The church welcomed him and his wife and daughter on Jan. 9 with a pounding already placed in the pastorium. Guess was formerly pastor of Mt. Moriah Church, Weir. He is a graduate of Blue Mountain College and New Orleans Seminary.

**Thomas Wayne Spencer** has moved to Casper, Wyoming, as pastor of College Heights Baptist Church, P. O. Box 4117, Casper, Wyoming 82604. He is the former pastor of Shiloh Church, Sontag.

**Macedonia Church, Brookhaven**, has called Joe Wallace as minister of music and youth. Wallace, a native of Converse, La., is a graduate of Louisiana College and New Orleans Seminary. He and his family have moved to Macedonia from Many, La., where he served First Church, Many, for ten years.

**Military Church, Sumrall, Lamar Association**, has called O. B. Robertson of Hattiesburg as interim pastor. Robertson, a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary, previously served at Friendship Church, Jones County.

**Al Elmore** has accepted the position as minister of youth and activities at Van Winkle Church, Jackson. He moved there from First Church, Grapevine, Texas.

**Pleasant Grove Church, Clarke County**, has called Thomas (Keith) Bogan as pastor. Bogan, a native of Jasper County, Mississippi, was previously pastor of Ted Church, Smith County.

**Coldwater Church, Philadelphia**, has called Bob Patty as pastor. Patty, a native of Chattanooga, Tenn., moved to Mississippi from the pastorate of New Union Church, Georgetown, Tenn. He is a graduate of University of Tennessee and New Orleans Seminary.

**Tony Moore** on Jan. 1 became associate pastor in charge of music, youth, and activities at Wynndale Church, Jackson.



Moore

dale pastor.



Farmer

**Carrol Farmer** has accepted the position as minister of education and church growth at Van Winkle Church, Jackson. He recently served at Amite Church, Denham Springs, La. in a similar position.

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## Evangelism Report

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Churches Reporting	Gospel Presentations	Number of Conversions
Adams		
Alcorn		
Attala		
Benton		
Bolivar		
Calhoun		
Carroll		
Chickasaw		
Choctaw		
Clarke		
Clay		
Copiah		
Covington	2	2
Franklin	16	10
George		
Greene		
Grenada		
Gulfcoast		
Hinds-Madison	2	22
Holmes	1	4
Humphreys		
Itawamba		
Jackson	8	62
Jasper		
Jeff Davis	2	2
Jones		
Kemper		
Lafayette		
Lamar		
Lauderdale	14	160
Lawrence		
Leake	3	43
Lebanon	20	57
Lee		
Leflore		
Lincoln		
Lowndes	2	3
Marion		
Marshall		
Mississippi		
Monroe		
Montgomery		
Neshoba		
New Choctaw		
Newton		
North Delta		
Northwest	1	60
Noxubee		
Oktibbeha	2	4
Pañola	1	1
Pearl River	2	6
Perry		
Pike		
Pontotoc		
Prentiss		
Rankin		
Scott	1	19
Sharkey-Issaquena		
Simpson	3	14
Smith		
Sunflower		
Tallahatchie		
Tippah		
Tishomingo		
Union		
Union Co.	1	5
Walthall		
Warren		
Washington		
Wayne		
Webster		
Winston		
Yalobusha		
Yazoo		

## Cooperative Program stays ahead of '88-89

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Southern Baptist Convention's unified national budget ended the first quarter of its fiscal year nearly \$1 million ahead of the previous year's pace, despite a lag in December.

December receipts pushed the Cooperative Program to \$33,141,691 for the first three months of the 1989-90 fiscal year, announced Harold C. Bennett, president and treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee.

That total is \$983,504 more than receipts for the first quarter of 1988-89, a gain of 3.06 percent, he said. The current U.S. inflation rate is 4.7 percent.

December's total was \$10,486,592, a

decrease of \$1,664,409 — or 13.7 percent — from December 1988. However, the comparison does not indicate a trend, since receipts for December '88 were abnormally high — nearly \$2 million more than the next-best December in the budget's 64-year history, Bennett said.

The Cooperative Program is funded by contributions from individual Southern Baptists. Their gifts are processed through budgets of local churches and state Baptist conventions before reaching the Executive Committee for distribution to receiving organizations that conduct evangelistic, missionary, and educational ministries worldwide.

## First, Brandon plans autograph party for Nettles

The History Committee of First Church, Brandon, will hold an autograph party for Tom Nettles on Saturday morning, Jan. 27, from 10 o'clock until 11:30 in the fellowship hall of the church.

Nettles is author of THE PATIENCE OF PROVIDENCE, A HISTORY OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BRANDON, MISSISSIPPI (1835-1985). The book came off the press in December, 1989. "Those who have read it are lavish in their praise of it. Bring your book to get Dr. Nettles' signature and visit with him," says a member of the committee.

Copies will be available at a cost of \$10.00. The public is invited to the party.

## Ministerial Board elects officers

The Board of Ministerial Education, Mississippi Baptist Convention, in its Nov. 28, 1989, meeting elected J. G. Winscott, pastor of Prentiss Church, Prentiss, as president.

Other officers elected in the same meeting include J. M. Wood, minister of music, Broadmoor Church, Jackson, vice-president; Ruthie Courtney, Jackson, secretary; and Ernest Turcotte, Clinton, treasurer.

New members of the board are Gary Bagley, pastor, First Church, Meridian; Dell Scoper, Laurel; and John McCall, Clinton, ex officio.

The group's Executive Committee (MBCB) member is Johnny Walker, pastor, First, Lucedale. Its representative for ministers of education is Paul Lee of Vicksburg.

## National conference on AIDS scheduled

A national conference on the Christian response to AIDS will be held Feb. 12-13 at First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn.

The conference, which begins at 1:30 p.m., Feb. 12, is sponsored by the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, the Home Mission Board, and the Baptist Sunday School Board.

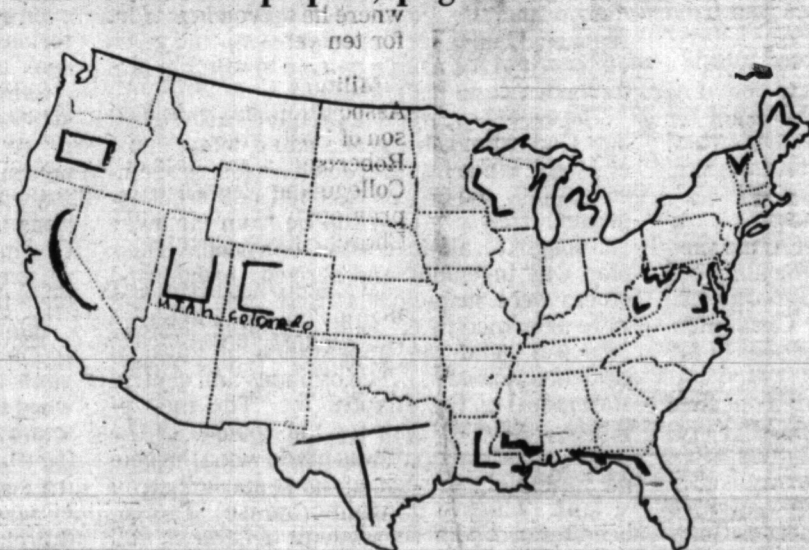
Speakers for the February conference include Richard Bridges, pastor, First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky.; Richard Goodgame, SBC missionary to Uganda; Beverly Hammack of the Home Mission Board; William Holladay, pastor, East Hartford Baptist Church, Hartford, Ky.; Belinda Mason, writer, president of National Association of People with AIDS, Hartford, Ky.; John Sullivan, executive director-treasurer, Florida Baptist Convention; and William Tillman, professor of ethics at Southwestern Seminary.

Topics include "AIDS: A Personal Walk Through the Valley," "AIDS: View of a Christian Physician," "AIDS: A Mission Field at Home," "AIDS: One Church's Response," "AIDS: A Personal Perspective," "AIDS: Crisis for Church and Family," and "AIDS: A Christian Response."

For registration information, telephone (615) 244-2495 or write to AIDS Conference, 901 Commerce Street, Suite 550, Nashville, TN 37203.

An exhibit in a school science fair, entered by a second-grader, consisted of a red flower pot, scrubbed clean and filled with rich-looking soil. Attached to it was a painfully printed explanation: "Some seeds don't grow." — Lee Henry

## Answers to map quiz, page 6



## Names in the news

Kenneth and Ruth Bailey, missionaries to Bolivia, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: Rt. 2, Box 241, Vardaman, Miss. 38878). He is a native of Vardaman, and she is the former Ruth Holder of Houston, Miss.

One from Mississippi was graduated on Dec. 15 from Florida Baptist Theological College, Graceville, Fla. Joseph Cecil Loving of Florence received the bachelor of religious education degree.

Macedonia Church, Winston County, ordained Harry Lee Cole to the gospel ministry on Oct. 17, 1989. Dan Wright, pastor, preached the ordination sermon. Cole is available for supply or pastorate. He may be reached at Rt. 3, Box 89, Louisville, Miss. 39339 (telephone 773-7731).



North Greenwood Church, Greenwood, on Jan. 14 ordained four deacons, Gene Clegg, Bobby Fisher Jr., John Bush, and Harold Labhart. The ordination of John Bush brings to a total of three the number of generations in his family who are now deacons at North Greenwood Church. He is pictured, left, with his grandfather, Miller Bush, center, and father, Wayne Bush, right. All three were present for the service. Bert Breland is pastor.

W. A. McPheeters, former pastor of Oak Grove Church, Winston County for 14 years, has retired after 32 years of pastorate in Alabama and Mississippi. He is now available for supply or interim work. He has moved back to his home at 3300 Davis St., Meridian, Miss. 39301 (Phone 693-1119).

Dolores and John Lee Taylor, native Mississippians, are the writers of the devotional section for Home Life magazine for January and July, 1990. The Taylors currently live in Gainesville, Georgia, where John Lee serves as pastor of First Baptist Church. He is former pastor at Drew, Canton, McComb, and Grenada.



Jay Michael (right) was licensed to the gospel ministry by Calvary Church, Jackson, on Dec. 31, 1989. He is attending Mississippi College in preparation for Army chaplaincy. Presenting the license is Jim Street, pastor of Calvary Church.

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON COMMENTARIES

## Serving despite disappointment

By Wayne Campbell  
Mark 4:1-20

"The way to avoid being disappointed," one cynic commented, "is to always expect the worst." Most of us would not want to face life



Campbell

with such a pessimistic philosophy. Yet we do have to deal with disappointments. Some of the most painful disappointments may be dealt to us by persons in whom we have invested our time and energy. What are we to do as Christ's servants when people disappoint us?

Jesus' hearers would have known what it was to be disappointed in the process of farming. Despite the diligence of the farmer and the quality of the seed, some sowing would not prove productive. Yet the experienced farmer would continue to plant the seed. Jesus' teaching and example indicate that the same persistence is to characterize his servants who sow the seed of

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God's word.

Despite the unresponsiveness of some, the sower is to continue to sow. Why? Because the lack of response on the part of some must not be allowed to deprive others of the opportunity to hear. It would hardly be sensible to leave the back forty unplanted just because the peas in the truck patch didn't come up. The good ground must not be left untended because of the hardness of the wayside or the shallowness of the rocky soil. While farmers may have their soils tested to determine what nutrients may be lacking, we do not have such means of assessing the likelihood of a successful harvest from our spiritual sowing. Thus the failure of some soils should not be interpreted to mean that it is futile to continue sowing. The words of Solomon from Ecclesiastes 11:6 are applicable here: "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand; for

thou knowest not which shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."

We therefore are called to be faithful because we cannot foresee the final outcome of the harvest. It is not our job to know; it is our job to sow. This parable has an anticipation of the future and an application for the present. The harvest may be later, but the time for faithfulness in planting is now.

Despite disappointment, we continue to sow the seed because there is a waiting period involved in sowing and reaping. This germination period requires patience like that of the farmer to whom James refers (James 5:7), who "waits for the precious fruit of the earth." The Holy Spirit is able to work with the seed we have already sown while we proceed to sow elsewhere. It is God, after all, who gives the increase, we're reminded (1 Cor. 3:6).

The fact that Satan works against the harvest may be discouraging at times, but as laborers in our Master's field, we have no business surrendering the territory to the adversary. Satan's

persistence should rather challenge us to be as faithful in the service of the Lord.

Growing up in a north Mississippi farming community, I saw many disappointed cotton farmers. But I never knew a serious farmer who retired to his rocking chair because of the grim reality of cockleburrs and boll weevils. Despite such perennial pests, the farmer knew that at some point, he would head toward the gin with a wagonload of cotton.

We must be faithful in the face of disappointments because we shall each answer for ourselves before the owner of the field. While those who reject the word shall answer for that, we who labor for him will give account for our service. It is far better that we should be disappointed than that we should disappoint him.

Then we need to remember that God has accomplished much through faithful servants who have known disappointment. And it's just possible that what may appear to be a field of disappointment may be the proving ground of our faith in God.

Campbell is pastor, Chunky Church.

## Light that penetrates blind eyes

By Tommy Vinson  
John 9:1-12; 35-41

In west Virginia years ago there was a terrible mining accident. An explosion trapped several men and plunged them into total darkness. When the rescue



Vinson

team managed to get a light through to them, one of the young men finally said, "Well, why don't they turn on the light?" All the other men looked at him in amazement as they realized the explosion had blinded him. In the darkness he did not know that he was blind. The light revealed to him and to them that he was blind.

Jesus' miracle in our focal passage today is like lowering that lamp into the darkened mine. He had said, "I am the light of the world" (8:12) and was to repeat it again just prior to performing this miracle of healing the blind man (9:5). Sadly, the miracle did as much to reveal the

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blindness of the Pharisees (vss. 40, 41) as it did to bring sight to the sightless.

First, notice in this text the problem which Jesus faced (vss. 1-3). It was a problem of tremendous magnitude. This man had been "born blind" (v. 1). Jesus was on record as having healed several cases of blindness, but never one of congenital blindness. Perhaps stress is made upon his desperate condition to give hope to all of us who, in similar fashion, have experienced spiritual blindness from birth (Psalm 58:3). To compound the problem there was the misunderstanding of the disciples (vss. 2,3). They were more interested in determining fault than in relieving misery. They viewed this man more out of curiosity than compassion. To them he was, "an unresolved riddle" rather than a sufferer to be relieved.

The disciples' question of "who sinned" betrays a faulty understanding of the doctrine

of human suffering. While it is true that sometimes children suffer from the sins of their parents (Ex. 20:5), it is not true that every example of human misery can be traced to some personal act of sin. Jesus allowed for a mysterious, yet exciting, dimension to human suffering when he says, "But that the works of God should be manifest in him." Perhaps it was for such an occasion that the psalmist wrote, "It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I might learn thy statutes" (Psalm 119:71).

Next we observe the procedure Jesus used (vss. 6, 7). On other occasions when Jesus healed the blind, he simply spoke, or touched them on the eyes. Here he spat upon the ground, mixed it with clay, and smeared it on the man's eye sockets. It is wonderful how our Lord tailors his approach to every individual in exactly the right way. His use of clay is reminiscent of Genesis 2:7, where God "formed man of the dust of the ground." Since this case of blindness was congenital, the healing would be more of a creative act than a remedial restoration. The touch of Jesus' hand would communicate to the

man not only creativity, but also compassion. What an adventure of faith that walk to the pool of Siloam must have been. As he followed the light of Jesus' direction, he found that God gave him more light. "He went his way . . . and came seeing" (v. 7).

We conclude our thoughts on this text by considering the platform which Jesus gave this healed man (vss. 8-12). It was a platform to witness. He didn't yield to the temptation to embellish his testimony, but shared simply and factually what Jesus had done for him.

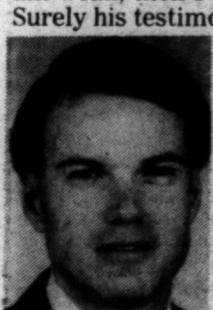
Years ago I heard Jack Taylor say, "A man with a testimony is never at the mercy of a man with an argument." Second, this healing gave the man a platform from which to worship (vss. 35-41). It seems so appropriate that following his declaration, "Lord, I believe" (v. 38), we read that "he worshipped him." The natural response to the opening of our spiritually blind eyes should be worship. Do your worship and witness give indication to your spiritual sight?

Vinson is pastor, Crossgates, Brandon.

## The victory of grace replaces the defeat of sin

By N. Allan Moseley  
Joshua 8:1-9:27

What did Paul mean when he wrote, "When I am weak, then I am strong"? (II Cor. 12:10). Surely his testimony meant that when he failed



Moseley

he was reminded of his inability to live the Christian life apart from God's power. Then his awareness of weakness drove him to rely solely on God's sufficiency. So his own insufficiency became the channel of the Holy Spirit's power.

In Joshua 8-9 there are vivid illustrations of this spiritual principle. God's people had been defeated at Ai because of sin in the camp. Joshua wisely took the crisis to the Lord in urgent prayer (7:6ff) and God directed him to deal severely with the sin that hindered the progress of God's people and therefore the fulfillment of God's purpose (7:10ff). It might have been easy for Joshua and the people to remain discouraged in the wake of a disappointing and unexpected defeat, but chapter 8 begins with God's encouraging message to Joshua: "Do not fear or

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be discouraged . . . I have given into your hand the king of Ai" (8:1).

The result of God's message to Joshua's listening heart was a careful plan to defeat Ai (8:3-9). There is a message at this point for those who feel that everything that is spiritual must be spontaneous. The Lord told Joshua, "Set an ambush for the city behind it" (8:2), and an ambush takes planning. The plan worked to perfection. The inhabitants of Ai pursued on cue the feigning Israelites, so the stage for the ambush was set. The rear flank charged Ai, burned it to the ground, and the Canaanites then were sandwiched between sections of the divided army of Joshua.

The victory over Ai supplied a needed revitalization of the Israelite forces. After protracted engagement in battle, armies often repair to "some r and r." The army under Joshua was no different, but their activities during that time of rest set them apart as God's people. An altar was built, God's word was read,

and the people worshipped. It is significant that each act of worship was performed according to specifications already commanded by God through Moses (Deut. 27-28). The altar was of uncut stones (Ex. 20:25), the location was Mt. Ebal and Mt. Gerizim, and the blessings of obedience and the curses of disobedience were read. God had taken the defeat of sin and given victory, and his people paused to worship him in obedience to his command.

The events recorded in Chapter 9 also reveal how God extends his grace into a defeat caused by sin. Since fighting Joshua's forces seemed fruitless, the Gibeonites tried a different approach. They pretended to be from far away and sought an alliance with God's people. Their plan was ingenious and shrewd. Joshua and others were suspicious at first (vss. 7-8), but were disarmed by orthodox-sounding theology (vss. 9-11) and the appearance of physical evidence (vss. 12-13). The ominous and central statement in the chapter is: "The men of Israel . . . did not ask for the counsel of the Lord." A critical error was made when the people forged ahead with common sense instead of faith (which is uncommon sense). The Gibeonites proved to be residents of Canaan, and the Israelites were bound by their word not to

harm them.

The story enshrined in the chapter is full of valuable application. The wily scheme of the Gibeonites came on the heels of a great Israelite victory. In our struggle against spiritual forces (Eph 6:12), our victories draw even greater spiritual opposition. If we are victorious in the frontal assault, our enemy will seek a more indirect approach.

Satan, not unlike the Gibeonites, is a master strategist. If we are not alert (I Pet. 5:8-9), or if we depend on human ingenuity or appearances as did Joshua, we will be outmaneuvered. We must dare to refuse the limitations of common sense and lift our hearts to God in order to know divine direction. Then, if we are still in doubt as to God's will, we must have the courage to stand still and wait.

Again, out of his defeat God brought victory. In his providence the Gibeonites became servants of God's people. They were made to cut wood for the fires of the altar and homes, and to draw water for families and for the cleansing rituals of worship. Thank God that he is willing and able to turn our sins and mistakes into blessing (Rom. 8:28). The victory of God's grace replaces the defeat of sin.

Moseley is pastor, Bayou View, Gulfport.



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Each January, we review and analyze cash gifts received in Village offices during the preceding calendar year. One of the more interesting and gratifying facets of this analysis is a listing of Mississippi Baptist churches in the order of their designated cash gifts to our ministry — the "Honor Roll of Churches." During 1989, 241 local churches contributed \$1,000.00 or more in gifts to the Village which reached our offices by December 31. According to our records, these "top 241" churches were:

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6.	Rolling Creek Baptist Church	Quitman	8270.89
7.	Morrison Heights Baptist Church	Clinton	7273.71
8.	First Baptist Church	Indianola	7166.00
9.	First Baptist Church	Vicksburg	7047.72
10.	Hollandale Baptist Church	Hollandale	6844.00
11.	Raymond Baptist Church	Raymond	6750.00
12.	First Baptist Church	Waynesboro	6686.50
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15.	First Baptist Church	Louisville	5798.05
16.	First Baptist Church	Brandon	5767.95
17.	Port Gibson Baptist Church	Port Gibson	5745.00
18.	Broadmoor Baptist Church	Jackson	5526.39
19.	Briar Hill Baptist Church	Florence	4935.00
20.	First Baptist Church	McComb	4910.28
21.	First Baptist Church	Crystal Springs	4909.50
22.	First Baptist Church, Sardis	Sardis	4728.57
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44.	Sylvarena Baptist Church	Raleigh	3465.39
45.	Harrisburg Baptist Church	Tupelo	3431.80
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60.	Crowder Baptist Church	Crowder	2897.80
61.	First Baptist Church	Kosciusko	2873.75
62.	Highland Baptist Church	Meridian	2805.00
63.	First Baptist Church	Bruce	2775.90
64.	First Baptist Church	Winona	2710.00
65.	Macedonia Baptist Church	Brookhaven	2697.00
66.	Holcomb Baptist Church	Holcomb	2691.31
67.	Calvary Baptist Church	Cleveland	2679.43
68.	First Baptist Church	Columbus	2670.99
69.	First Baptist Church	Charleston	2661.37
70.	First Baptist Church	Grenada	2622.00
71.	Providence Baptist Church	Cleveland	2608.09
72.	State Boulevard Baptist Church	Meridian	2576.73
73.	Mount Horeb Baptist Church	Meridian	2550.15
74.	Liberty Baptist Church	New Albany	2550.00
75.	First Baptist Church	Eupora	2529.40
76.	Shuqualak Baptist Church	Shuqualak	2507.00
77.	West Jackson Street Church	Tupelo	2506.00
78.	Gaston Baptist Church	Booneville	2493.55

79.	East Fork Baptist Church	Smithdale	2469.00
80.	Northminster Baptist Church	Jackson	2461.03
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82.	Roseland Park Baptist Church	Picayune	2390.00
83.	Carmel Baptist Church	Meridian	2363.36
84.	Phalti Baptist Church	Prentiss	2362.10
85.	Indian Springs Baptist Church	Hattiesburg	2336.00
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98.	Friendship Baptist Church	Sturgis	2074.37
99.	Philadelphia Baptist Church	Leland	2069.34
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103.	Main Street Baptist Church	Hattiesburg	2002.00
104.	Navilla Baptist Church	McComb	1993.80
105.	Emmanuel Baptist Church	Greenville	1987.39
106.	North Winona Baptist Church	Winona	1947.00
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108.	Second Baptist Church	Indianola	1898.19
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124.	Springfield Baptist Church	Morton	1689.00
125.	Alta Woods Baptist Church	Jackson	1684.24
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129.	New Prospect Baptist Church	Oxford	1625.00
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139.	Hurricane Creek Baptist Church	Sandy Hook	1561.93
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173.	White Oak Baptist Church	Carthage	1337.42
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179.	Parkway Baptist Church	Kosciusko	1312.37
180.	Mount Moriah Baptist Church	Bruce	1309.00

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# Offering shortage cost him his life's savings

By Susan Todd

RANCHO, Calif. — Blake Withers knows first hand about shortages in Southern Baptist mission support. His knowledge has cost him his life's savings.

Withers, pastor of Las Brisas Bible Fellowship in the Rancho-Temecula area of California, has been directly affected by the financial cutbacks in Southern Baptist home mission work.

Newlyweds in June 1989, Withers and his wife, Laurie, arrived in California to start a church. He had the promise of support from a sponsoring church and a monthly salary subsidy from the Home Mission Board. The fastest-growing area of Riverside County promised the opportunity to minister to thousands of unchurched residents.

What he got was "two out of three" — a sponsoring church which "has done everything in the world they could do," a vast number of unchurched people, but no monthly salary subsidy from the Home Mission Board.

Because of severe budget cutbacks last May, the Home Mission Board was not able to fund the church starter salary for Las Brisas Bible Fellowship as planned, he said.

But Withers hasn't let that stop him. Relying on a partial salary from the sponsoring church — Immanuel Baptist Church in San Bernadino — his savings and his wife's salary, Withers has grown a church from zero to 100 in attendance — 30 percent of whom are unsaved.

"The field is so white for harvest here, it's ridiculous," Withers said.

"Starting churches is the best way to reach the lost. As fast as we can start a church, we reach people. People are very hungry for and interested in this thing we call a relationship

with Christ," he said.

"The only reason our church starts fail is underfinancing. So many times the needs are so great, and sponsoring churches are so burdened that when they see a need, they go ahead and start the church before the finances are available.

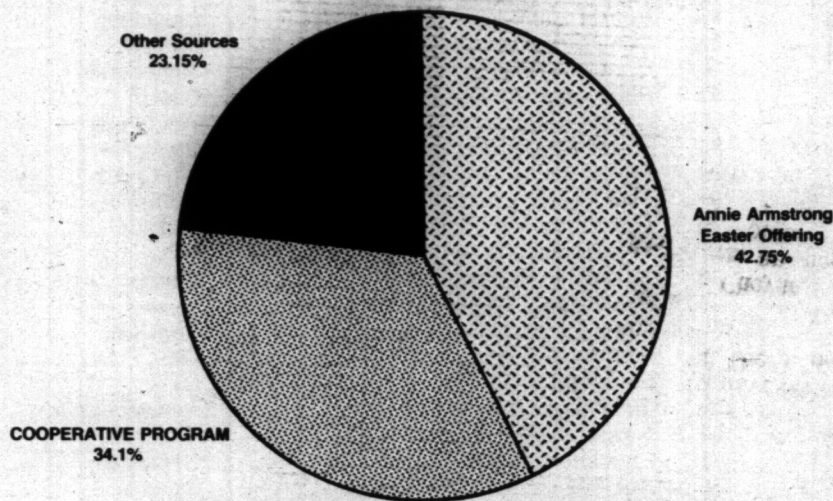
"Sometimes the heart runs ahead of the business sense, if you want to call it that."

The only reason Las Brisas fellowship has survived is the sacrificial support of its sponsoring church, he said.

"But once again, we've taken missions and made it a non-cooperative effort, where only a local church is financing the work instead of all Southern Baptists," Withers said.

Immanuel Baptist Church Pastor Rob Zinn brought to the attention of

1990 Home Mission Board  
Income Sources



1990 HMB Income—\$76,839,852

Home Mission Board President Larry Lewis the mission's financial struggle. Lewis promised to do everything possible to provide funding for the work. But, as in many other cases, he wonders where the money will come from.

"If the money doesn't come to us, we can't send it on to California," Lewis said. "We just don't have enough money in our pockets to do it all."

The Home Mission Board has two major sources of income — the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions and the Cooperative Program.

Although the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering in 1989 was up \$2 million from the previous year, it still fell \$6.2 million short of the \$39 million goal. This annual offering provides more than 42 percent of the board's

annual budget.

Support for home missions work from the Cooperative Program has declined. The Cooperative Program, Southern Baptists' unified plan of giving, provides about 34 percent of the board's income. However, due to changes in the way Cooperative Program funds will be distributed this year, the Home Mission Board will receive nearly \$1 million less from the Cooperative Program for its 1990 budget than it received for its 1989 budget.

Due to the decrease in income and the increase in inflation, the Home Mission Board budget for 1990 is \$2 million less than it was in 1989, Lewis said.

Facing budget decreases and a growing number of cases like that of church starter Blake Withers, Lewis said the Home Mission Board is more dependent than ever on its income from the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering to finance the work of home missions. As costs rise, so do the numbers of people who should be on the receiving end of Home Mission Board ministries.

"We're losing the nation faster than we're winning it," Lewis said. "The number of lost people is growing by more than 2 million a year, and Southern Baptists are winning and baptizing only 346,000 a year."

Current projections by missions researchers indicate the number of lost people in America has grown from 167 million in 1988 to 171 million in 1989, he said.

The business of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with a lost nation is expensive, Lewis said.

"We've established the goal of having 5,000 missionaries by the year 2000. That means we'll have to in-

crease our number by 100 a year for the next 10 years," Lewis said. "The yearly cost to the Home Mission Board of increasing missionary personnel by 100 is \$1 million." This goal alone will cost \$10 million to reach.

"In addition to that, we've been told that our medical insurance costs over the last several years have increased from 10 to 20 percent per year for board personnel," he said.

But the costs don't stop with personnel. "To start a church and have the Home Mission Board fund the start of the new church costs us at least \$50,000 per church. This doesn't include the money involved to provide site loans or construction loans," Lewis said.

Withers knows first hand about the costs of starting a new church. Las Brisas is the third church he has started in California.

"The amount of money that is available for front-line church starting has decreased drastically in the last three years," Withers said.

"In essence, we're going against everything we stand for as Southern Baptists in trying to evangelize the nation. We're saying we're content with what we've got going. We've done enough. We're done."

Lewis agreed.

"You have to wonder about priorities when we spend more on chewing gum and luxuries than missions while another man uses up his life's savings so he can start a new church.

"It's one thing for a church to be missions-minded and another thing to be missionary. We can only say we're missionary when we're seriously at the task of either going or sending."

Todd writes for WMU, SBC.

## Romanians will need long-term help

By Mike Creswell

TIMISOARA, Romania (BP) — Romanian Baptists in three cities say their communities have food, clothing, and medicine for now but will need long-term help from Southern Baptists and others in the West to rebuild their economy.

Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board administrators warned that the long-range forecast for physical conditions in Romania is bleak. Some observers fear the need for food and medicine in Romania could reach a crisis point as early as February or March, after donated stocks begin to dwindle.

Representatives of Southern Baptists will join with world and European Baptist leaders in planning long-range strategy not only for aid to Romania but to all of Eastern Europe as changes present new opportunities.

To assess emergency needs in Romania, the Foreign Mission Board sent three representatives there on a three-day fact-finding visit in early January. They talked with leaders of the national Romanian Baptist Union and several Baptist associations in the

cities of Timisoara, Arad, and Oradea.

They also delivered a van full of supplies donated by Swiss Baptists, part of the aid coming from Baptists throughout Europe.

"Romanian Baptists feel they have what's needed for now but hope people won't forget them later," said Errol Simmons, one of the Southern Baptist team members and co-director of the International Baptist Lay Academy in Budapest, Hungary.

If the new government gives citizens plots of land as projected, they may need help developing livestock, crops, and other agricultural resources, Simmons said. "This kind of help may be less dramatic than shipping in food and medicine, but it will be help that will enable them to help themselves," he explained. "Only the Romanians can tell us what they need."

Some food given through non-Baptist channels is being sold in stores and the income used by the government for social services, Simmons said. But aid from the Foreign

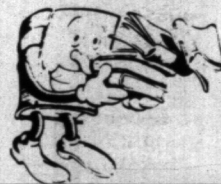
Mission Board has been distributed by Romanian Baptists, assuring that food, clothing, and other items reach the neediest people first and are not sold. The board responded to the Romanian crisis in December by appropriating \$100,000 in aid.

In addition, a task force of Foreign Mission Board representatives and Southern Baptist personnel working with Eastern European Baptists will meet with Baptist leaders of the region in February to develop new strategies in light of the radical changes sweeping the region.

In February, John Cheyne, who heads the board's human needs ministry, will go to Romania to evaluate possible Southern Baptist responses to short- and long-range medical and hunger relief needs.

Another continuing need, Romanian Baptist leaders said, is for Bibles in the Romanian and Hungarian languages, and all kinds of Christian literature.

Mike Creswell is a FMB missionary journalist.



## Book reviews

Peck, Terry A. PARENTING IN THE MINISTER'S HOME. Nashville; Convention; 1988.

The author serves as a consultant for minister's family and personal growth in the Church Administration Department of The Sunday School Board.

The author states that in the summer of 1985 he and his wife began leading a conference entitled "Parenting in the Minister's Home" at our two Southern Baptist Conference Centers. The preparation for leading these conferences produced this book.

The book is largely a book of suggestions for parenting but with a different twist occasionally to meet the specific needs of the minister's family. It is easily read. Ministers with children would profit from reading this book.

Reviewed by Greg Potts, pastor of Heucks Retreat Church, Brookhaven.

Haggai, John; HOW TO WIN OVER WORRY; Eugene, Oregon; Harvest House; 1987.

The author is well-known in Christian circles. The initial edition of this book was published in 1959. It has been widely read since its initial publication. This particular volume is a new expanded edition of the original book.

The book is great. It is very easily read. The author states that Philippians 4:4-8 is the biblical basis for the book. The author takes four points

from this text that form the outline of the book. They are Praise + Poise + Prayer = Peace.

The book is built around these four points. Again, it is an easily read book. Every Christian should read it.

Reviewed by Greg Potts, pastor of Heucks Retreat Church, Brookhaven.

## Mississippi Baptist activities

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|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Jan. 28    | Baptist Men's Day (BRO Emphasis)                                                       |
| Jan. 29-31 | Evangelism Conference; Broadmoor BC, Jackson; 6:30 p.m., 29th-Noon, 31st (EVAN)        |
| Feb. 1-3   | Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association (MBREA)                            |
| Feb. 2-3   | Mississippi Black Student Retreat; Camp Garaywa; 4:30 p.m., 2nd-8 p.m., 3rd (SW)       |
| Feb. 2-3   | Orff and Kodaly Key Leader Seminar; Alta Woods BC, Jackson; 6 p.m., 2nd-Noon, 3rd (CM) |

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